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SUBJECT: MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION

1. MULTI-REGIONAL PROGRAM ON DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION FROM MARCH 23 TO APRIL 21 COMES AT A TIME WHEN HONG KONG GOVERNMENT (HKG) IS PREPARING TO PRESS HARD TOWARD GREATLY INCREASED DRUG REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT PROGRAM AS INTEGRAL PART OF THEIR OVERALL ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAM. ANTI-ANTI-CIPATED WHITE PAPER ON DRUGS EXPECTED IN LATE FEBRUARY, REPORTEDLY WILL FOCUS ON REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT FUNCTION AS NECESSITY TO CURB LARGE NUMBER (ESTIMATED 100,000) OF ADDICTS, WHO FORM 2-1/2 PERCENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL POPULATION. CONCEPT IS THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT IS CURRENTLY PERFORMING ABOUT AS WELL AS POSSIBLE BUT PRESENCE OF SUCH LARGE PERCENTAGE AND NUMBER OF ADDICTS REQUIRING OVER 50 TONS OF NARCOTICS ANNUALLY NATURALLY ATTRACTS DRUG TRAFFICKERS TO HONG KONG.

2. WITH THIS IN MIND, HONG KONG COMMISSIONER OF NARCOTICS HAS REQUESTED CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO DR. GEORGE TAI-WEI OU AS PARTICIPANT

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3. DR. OU IS GRADUATE OF AURORA MEDICAL SCHOOL IN SHANGHAI WITH POST-

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GRADUATE WORK IN INTERNAL MEDICINE AT EDINBURGH 1948) AND GLASGOW
UNIVERSITIES (1949-50), HYGINE AND TROPICAL MEDICINE IN LONDON (1949),

AND INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY AT UNIVEUMSITY OF LONDON (1957-60). A HKG
EMPLOYEE SINCE 1951, AMONG OTHER ASSIGNMENTS, DR. OU WAS ASSISTANT
MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTER FROM
1961-65;

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT OF HOSPITAL IN WHICH CENTER IS LOCATED IN
1971-72; AND SINCE SEPTEMBER 1972 HAS BEEN THE CONSULTANT PSYCHIATRIST

IN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT. HE ALSO
SERVES ON SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE ON METHADONE TREAHEENT PILOT STUDY,
MEMBER OF ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, AND LECTURER AT HONG
KONG

UNIVERSITY ON PSYCHIATRY. DR. OU HAS PUBLISHED PAPERS ON PSYCHOTROPIC

MEDICATION, NARCOTIC DEPENDENCE, AND PSYCHIATRY OF ADOLESCENCE. DR.
OU WOULD PLAN TO ATTEND SUBJECT PROGRAM PRIOR TO ATTENDING APRIL-MAY
WHO PROGRAM ON PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS IN DENMARK.

4. CONGEN STRONGLY RECOMMENDS SELECTION OF DR. OU UNDER NEW HKG
PLANNING, MEDICAL DEPARTMENT WILL BE IN CHARGE OF REHABILITATION AND
TREATMENT AND DR. OU WILL PLAY A KEY ROLE IN FORMULATING POLICIES AND
CARRYING OUT TOTAL HKG PROGRAM.

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